

The Newsletter of the Panhandle Library System

September/October 2011

Technology Planning Summer Camp

Technology Planning Summer Camp, a two-day workshop organized by the Nebraska Library Commission, was held on August 22-23, 2011. The workshop took place simultaneously in four locations across the state – Lincoln, Norfolk, North Platte and Scottsbluff. Summer Camp speakers were based in Lincoln, and their presentations were broadcast to the three other locations.

Twenty-two Panhandle System librarians and board members from fifteen regional organizations attended the two-day workshop at the John N. Harms Advanced Technology Center at the Western Nebraska Community College's Scottsbluff campus. Participants sat through a series of presentations on a variety of topics pertaining to the importance of technology planning in the library. Topics covered included:

Advocacy

Why Technology Planning?

Using TechAtlas to create your Technology Plan

Filtering – What is it? Should I do it? How to do it?

Myths about CIPA

Basic introduction to E-rate

Demonstration of ADA software

Allana Novotny, Technology & Access Services Librarian for the Nebraska Library Commission, hosted the workshop at the Scottsbluff location. Novotny also provided an additional on-site demonstration of ADA software provided to participating Nebraska libraries through the Nebraska Library Commission's BTOP Grant. Allana was a gracious and knowledgeable host and we appreciate her leadership at the Scottsbluff workshops.

Preliminary findings from NLC evaluations indicate that most attendees in the Panhandle Library System found the workshop educational and liked the multiple location format. Several people mentioned in particular that they appreciated having an NLC workshop in their area. The multiple location format could play a part in future workshops and save attendees many miles of travel.

Technology Planning Summer Camp Resources

Mary Jo Ryan, Communications Coordinator for the Nebraska Library Commission, has posted computer-training resources for public access computers. These are resources Ryan considered useful in assisting library customers using new and existing public access computers in libraries. You can find these resources on the following webpage.

<http://nlcblogs.nebraska.gov/nlcblog/2011/08/22/computer/>

The final versions of all speaker presentations are now on the website at

<http://nlcblogs.nebraska.gov/tpsc/resources/>

The online Continuing Education Report Form for Technology Planning Summer Camp is available at: <http://nlc.nebraska.gov/ce/TechPlanSumCampAttend.asp> Please only use this form to report the sessions you attended.

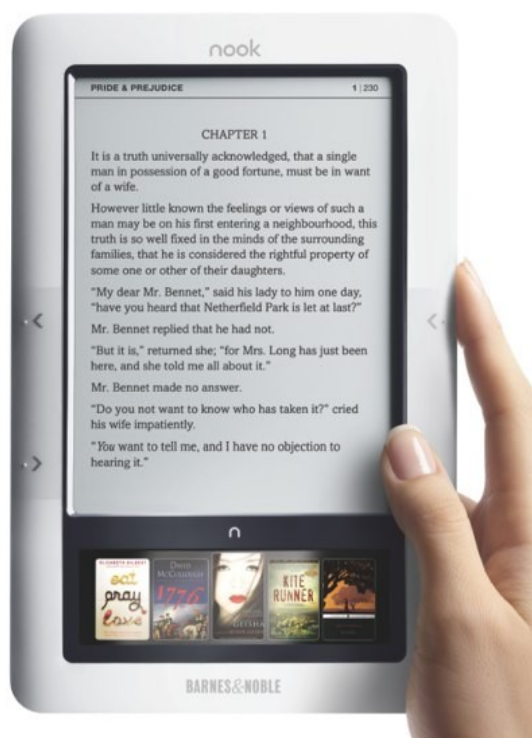
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E-Readers and Libraries: A Good Combination? Use a PLS E-Reader to Give It a Try!

The Regional Library Systems recently received a Library Improvement Grant to purchase E-Readers for loan to member libraries. This will give librarians a chance to become familiar with the technology without having to invest money from their budgets. The Panhandle Library System has purchased two Nook reading devices. The Nook is compatible with Overdrive and there are a variety of books already downloaded onto the devices.

If you are interested in borrowing the E-Reader, contact the PLS office. You will receive a Nook kit and a folder full of information on E-Readers. The loan period will be two weeks. You will be responsible for postage to the next site.



The Barnes and Noble NOOK Wi-Fi uses a combination of technologies. There is a small color touch screen on the bottom of the device. It can connect to the Internet with Wi-Fi to buy or borrow books. The reading screen is like a regular book and you can only read in a lighted area. You turn the pages either with buttons or by swiping across the touchscreen on the bottom.

Don't Forget September "Shop Talks!"

All three meetings are from 10am to Noon

September 8th—Chappell Memorial Library & Art Gallery

September 12th—Bridgeport Public Library

September 15th—Crawford Public Library

Topic: Geek Your Library

E-Books and Libraries - What's Available for Free

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Source URL: <http://www.publiclibrariesonline.org/content/e-books-and-libraries-whats-available-free>

Introduction

A recent survey done by Unisphere Research, a division of Information Today, Inc., found that of 1,201 libraries polled in North America, an average of 41% of libraries report an increase in patron requests for e-books over the past year. Individual libraries see this in increased demand for OverDrive downloadable books service and NetLibrary digital titles. Amidst all the demand is the rapidly changing e-book market. Publishers and libraries are working through the challenges of compatibility, digital rights management (DRM), and format types, among other issues, and are seeking creative ways to develop a model that provides the service to library patrons. In February 2011, HarperCollins declared its books could only be downloaded 26 times before the library would be required to re-purchase the title. The following represents other models that could be considered instead of limiting the number of checkouts per title.

Iris Jastram and Steve Lawson present an option which would allow libraries to buy, lend, and preserve e-books in much the same way libraries purchase print books. Libraries will purchase, not license, e-books from publishers or other sources. The entire process would be based on current copyright law and libraries would have right of first purchase. If the copyright is not respected, publishers would still retain the right to sue for copyright infringement and damages. Libraries could retain a third party vendor to manage both access to and preservation of the e-books or some libraries may prefer to self-manage access and storage. In either case, it is essential that the files are preserved, loan policies and copyright are respected, and that patron information remains private.

DRM in the form of copy protection satisfies publishers' desires not to see unauthorized copies proliferate. Yet this management should be largely invisible, platform-independent, and serve only to prevent the creation of additional complete unauthorized copies. Copy protection must not interfere with readers' rights to fair use. Copy protection should not be applied by the publisher, but by the library, or by a third party hosting the e-books under contract from the library.

Chad Mairn, an Information Services Librarian at St. Petersburg (FL) College offers another model for e-book service. He suggests that library users should have unlimited access to e-books which should include a piece of code that automatically pays the publishers "per read". There would be no waiting lines and more people would be reading the same popular book at the same time (one title/many readers). E-books that aren't read would disappear because, quite frankly, no one wants them anyway.

Why go to all the expense and labor to get a print book one patron might read, when that person can be made happy with one, and one would hope, cheaper download? Except, will it really be cheaper, as many libraries pay list price for e-books while enjoying discounts on print books? And will patrons want a download? The preference of print over download is still the norm, but the preference may well change in the near future. If electronic versions of a title are in the library catalog, will it generate requests for the print version?

Patron authentication will continue to be key to legal sharing of e-books. Authentication is similar to the model for Freegle music downloads. This model of e-book service is probably cost-prohibitive for most public libraries, but may be a model of e-book service to explore in the future.

More options are being explored by the library community and the conversations continue. Organizations like Library Renewal have been created to do research and form strategic relationships in order to ensure that communities can always reap the benefits of a library, even as technology evolves and content migrates to digital formats.

As these challenges are examined, many websites currently offer free e-books. These resources range from the original site for free text online, Project Gutenberg, to search engines that search e-book sources. The variety and quality varies as outlined below.

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Baen Books - This science fiction and fantasy publisher is making some of its titles available digitally and includes some well known authors. About 120 titles are currently available but new titles are being added regularly. These books can be saved to a PC or sent directly to a Kindle.

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E-Discover the Classics - Colorado Library Consortium and Douglas County Libraries put this site together which consists of 500 classics by authors such as Twain, Austen, and O. Henry. This library-friendly service provides 466 'cleaned' MARC records which can be downloaded to library catalogs that link to the Project Gutenberg site. Library patrons would locate classic titles in the local library catalog (Jane Eyre, Emily Dickinson, A Christmas Carol, etc.) and the catalog records include a hot link to the Project Gutenberg site. Each Gutenberg title can be downloaded in one of eight formats for different e-readers.

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Google Books - Google offers nearly 3 million free e-books from the public domain. Some of the most popular free classics can be browsed in the store using the "Free Classics" shelf. In addition, they have partnered with publishers and authors to make hundreds of thousands of e-books available for purchase. These include new releases and bestsellers with new titles added to Google e-books every day. Google Books stores a person's library in the digital cloud, so books can be read on just about any device with an Internet connection. Google Books is compatible with Android phones, iPhone, iPad, iPod Touch, web browsers and many supported e-readers.

Hathi Trust Digital Library – The Hathi Trust includes titles for online use so an Internet connection is necessary. Download is available only for affiliate users at a cost and currently all member institutions are universities. The Hathi Trust Working Group recent announced some new features including:

- Views allowing scrolling through volumes, flipping pages similar to a physical book, and viewing thumbnail images of all pages in a volume
- Reorganized and streamlined interface including prominent display of copyright status, and re-positioning of navigation features
- Quick-copy links for individual pages in addition to permanent links for volumes and improved user experience, including progress bar, for full-PDF downloads

Titles can be viewed as an image, text, PDF, and can rotate. The site allows for full view (full text) and users can move through text, go to, resize, and search in text. True partnering is fee-based with two levels of membership. The first level allows the addition of content, while the second level involves helping maintain content. About 26% of the content is in the public domain with a total of 8,221,051 volumes; 4,527,131 book titles and 202,635 serial titles. The titles themselves are older (pre-1950) academic non-fiction titles although it does include some ancient drama and some Whitman poems. Some more recent bulletins, papers, and classics are also available. Full-text content could be useful for term papers.

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Inkmesh - This search engine makes it easier to find free e-books and compare e-book prices for the Kindle, iPhone, Sony Reader, Nook and more. Searching only free e-books is possible; limiting to just Sony, Kobo, Kindle, Smashwords, Nook, and Baen books is also an option. Each record indicates the devices that are compatible. Searching by subject allows for narrowing by price and device as well. There are over 3,500 promotional e-books that appear to be lesser known authors of fiction and nonfiction titles, including self-help, religion, business, science/nature, romance, science fiction/fantasy, literature, and erotica. Browsing subjects is also an option.

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The Online Books Page - This is a website that facilitates access to books that are freely readable over the Internet. It also aims to encourage the development of such online books, for the benefit and edification of all. This site provides indexing/searching to then link to source sites for free, online digital content. It indexes over 1 million titles including academic, classics, self-published, serials, and a variety of free titles that are full text. Searches can be done by author, title, subject and LC call number. Titles must be read online so an internet connection is necessary. There are a variety of formats and restrictions noted where individual sources cite them.

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Conclusion

Though there are many sites offering access to free e-books, some redundancy exists. Some sites are more appealing for public library users than others. Some are free, some levy fees. Some require an Internet connection while others can be downloaded to a personal device. Some e-books come with MARC records that can be loaded into a library's catalog. Librarians will have to constantly monitor this evolving market as surely as library users continue to purchase e-readers and then look for reading material. For libraries to succeed and survive, e-books must be part of the library's menu of services and resources.



NLA/NEMA Conference

Shortcuts to Greatness, or 10 Things that Great Libraries Know and Maybe You Don't Presented by Karen Hyman

What makes a library great?

Are there shortcuts to greatness?

Come and find out what great organizations know that you could borrow, adapt or shamelessly copy to jumpstart your library's move to

October 5, 2011

9 a.m. to 12 p.m.

The Cornhusker Marriott

333 South 13th Street

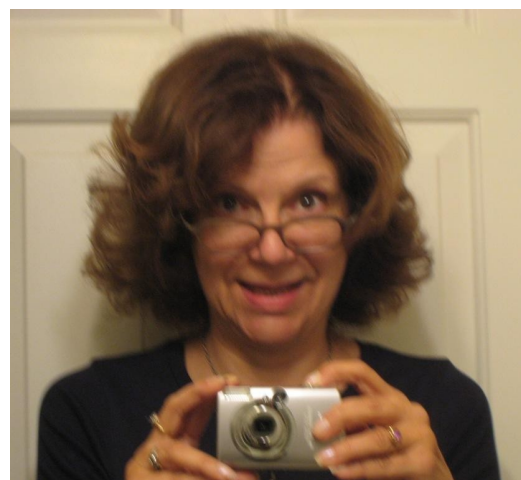
Lincoln, Nebraska 68508

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Register at the NLA/NEMA Conference Website:

<http://nebraskalibraries.org/conference2011/>

This program is funded by the Nebraska Regional Library Systems and a grant from the Nebraska Library Commission and funded in part with state funds allocated through the Nebraska Legislature.



About Karen Hyman: She has worked in public libraries, as a State Library Consultant, and as Executive Director of the South Jersey Regional Library Cooperative where she developed services for 600 member libraries. Her chief inspiration is her role as a library user

News From Panhandle Libraries

Western Nebraska Community College

WNCC's new Library Director is on campus! He is Curtis Brundy who recently was with the Creighton University Library in Omaha. He has a family which includes a four year old and a 11 month old baby and Curtis's wife. He is quite knowledgeable in technologies that we all use or wish we could use in our libraries. We are excited about having him on staff. Do email him at: brundyc@wncc.edu. His office phone is: 635-6041.



North Platte Valley Museum

The North Platte Valley Museum Board of Directors has chosen Katie Bradshaw as the museum's new executive director. Bradshaw will assume leadership responsibilities from Barb Netherland, who is stepping down after eight years to work exclusively in the museum's archives. Many people in the community know Bradshaw through her writing for the Star-Herald newspaper and for her SCB Citizen blog. Since moving to western Nebraska from Illinois in December 2009, Bradshaw has grown to appreciate the importance of the region's history both to local residents and to the nation. Bradshaw is looking forward to working with Netherland, the board of directors, museum volunteers and community members and to the museum's 50th anniversary celebration Oct. 23.

Bridgeport Public Library

The summer activities are winding down at the Bridgeport Library. We traveled to all seven continents during our summer reading program. We learned to eat with chopsticks, dance traditional Greek dances, play a didgeridoo and trace our family history. Madagascar hissing cockroaches and sugar gliders visited our summer readers. One hundred and four children signed up for the summer reading program. The Bridgeport Public Library received their BTOP computers, equipment and furniture. These are a very welcome addition to our library. We can now accommodate our patrons' computer needs. During the Technology Planning Summer Camp workshop, we learned all the cool things the ADA software can do.

Panhandle Library System

Two were honored with awards at the 2011 PLS Annual Meeting. Angela Raffensberger, Friends of the Sidney Public Library, received the PLS Advocacy Award and Diane Downer of the Gering Public Library, received the PLS Distinguished Leadership Award. Congratulations to you both!

Diane Downer receiving her award



Upcoming Events

September 6th-16th—Basic Skills: Library Services to Children & Youth - Online. For more information, contact Laura Johnson at (402) 471-2694, (800) 307-2665, or laura.johnson@nebraska.gov.

September 7th—Planning Meeting for the Diane deGroat Author Tour, at Bayard High School, 4-5 pm. For more information, contact Terri Raburn at the PLS office, (308) 632-1350, (888) 879-5303, or terri.raburn@nebraska.gov.

September 8th—"Shop Talk" Librarians Meeting (South), at Chappell Memorial Library & Art Gallery, 10am-Noon. For more information, contact Terri Raburn at the PLS office, (308) 632-1350, (888) 879-5303, or terri.raburn@nebraska.gov.

September 12th—"Shop Talk" Librarians Meeting (Central), at Bridgeport Public Library, 10am-Noon. For more information, contact Terri Raburn at the PLS office, (308) 632-1350, (888) 879-5303, or terri.raburn@nebraska.gov.

September 15th—"Shop Talk" Librarians Meeting (North), at Crawford Public Library, 10am-Noon. For more information, contact Terri Raburn at the PLS office, (308) 632-1350, (888) 879-5303, or terri.raburn@nebraska.gov.

September 19th-30th—Basic Skills: Communication - Online. For more information, contact Laura Johnson at (402) 471-2694, (800) 307-2665, or laura.johnson@nebraska.gov.

October 4th-November 15th—Understanding MARC 21 Bibliographic Records, Session 1-Online. This workshop is seven weekly sessions, October 4th through November 15th. For more information, contact Emily Nimsakont at (402) 471-4031, (800) 307-2665, or emily.dust.nimsakont@nebraska.gov.

October 5th—NLA/NEMA Conference Regional Library Systems' Pre-Conference Workshop featuring Karen Hyman: Shortcuts to Greatness, or 10 Things That Great Libraries Know and Maybe You Don't. See flyer on page 3.

October 5th-7th—NLA/NEMA Annual Conference in Lincoln. For more information, visit the NLA/NEMA 2011 Annual Conference website at <http://nebraskalibraries.org/conference2011/home>.

October 10th-21st—Basic Skills: Reference-Online. For more information, contact Laura Johnson at (402) 471-2694, (800) 307-2665, or laura.johnson@nebraska.gov.

October 11th—Understanding MARC 21 Bibliographic Records, Session 2-Online. For more information, contact Emily Nimsakont at (402) 471-4031, (800) 307-2665, or emily.dust.nimsakont@nebraska.gov.

October 18th—Understanding MARC 21 Bibliographic Records, Session 3-Online. For more information, contact Emily Nimsakont at (402) 471-4031, (800) 307-2665, or emily.dust.nimsakont@nebraska.gov.

October 18th-20th—Panhandle Library System 2011 Author Tour Featuring Diane deGroat. See Flyers on pages 6 & 7.

October 25th—Understanding MARC 21 Bibliographic Records, Session 4-Online. For more information, contact Emily Nimsakont at (402) 471-4031, (800) 307-2665, or emily.dust.nimsakont@nebraska.gov.

October 20th-21st—Midwest Archives Conference 2011 Fall symposium - Sioux City. For more information contact Paul Eisloeffel, (402) 471-7837 or paul.eisloeffel@nebraska.gov.



Panhandle Library System
2011 Author Tour
Featuring

Diane deGroat

New York Times Best Selling
Author/Illustrator

Ms. deGroat has over 130 books to
her credit as author, illustrator,
or both.

SIX SCHOOL PRESENTATIONS THROUGHOUT
THE PANHANDLE

Her works include:

Trick or Treat-Smell My Feet

Happy Birthday to You, You Belong in a Zoo

Ants in Your Pants, Worms in Your Plants

Roses are Pink, Your Feet Really Stink

TWO FREE PUBLIC PERFORMANCES For all ages

Tuesday, October 18
Bridgeport High School
Library

Thursday, October 20
Gering High School
Auditorium
7 p.m.



Books will be available for
sale and autographing after
both public performances.

These free public
performances are sponsored
by the Panhandle Library
System in cooperation with
its member libraries and
media centers.

Diane deGroat

"We Gather Together..." to meet the amazing,
talented children's author/illustrator!

(Panhandle Library System visiting author)

Drawings for Diane deGroat's prints will be held
during dinner and lunch events.

**Remember to purchase your tickets for these
prints if you have not already done so!**

1. DINNER- Wednesday, October 19th

Hampton Inn 6:30 p.m.

Smothered Grilled Chicken Sandwich with macaroni salad and
chips w/ iced tea, water, & coffee

Cost-\$ 11.50

RSVP to Gering Public Library BY October 10

2. LUNCHEON- Thursday, October 20th

Steel Grill 11:15-12:30

Hamburger & Fries w/ iced tea or water

Cost- \$ 7.00

RSVP to Gering Public Library BY October 10

(All area librarians, media specialists, and interested parties are
invited to meet the author in a more personal setting. Please mark your
calendars for one or both of the occasions.)

Please let us know how many people from your library will be attending
either one of these events by OCTOBER 10!

RSVP to Beth Trupp or Stephanie Cacciavillani at Gering Public Library
308-436-7433 or fax 308-436-6869

E-Rate Puts Spotlight on Internet Safety

By [Katie Ash](#) on August 18, 2011 on [Education Week's blogs](#)
http://blogs.edweek.org/edweek/DigitalEducation/2011/08/internet_safety_ed_now_require.html

The Federal Communications Commission has released an order that will require schools to educate students about Internet safety in order to comply with the federal E-Rate program, which provides funding for schools to achieve online connectivity.

The requirement comes from language in the *Protecting Children in the 21st Century Act*, which was signed into law as a part of the *Broadband Data Improvement Act* in October 2008.

The measure will require schools to provide education around appropriate online behavior in chat rooms and on social-networking websites, as well as information about cyberbullying. It does not stipulate what kinds of curricula or procedures this may entail, nor does it define "cyberbullying" or "social networking," although it does mention several resources that schools may refer to for further explanation. Schools are required to update their Internet safety policies to reflect this change by July 1, 2012.

"Applicants are beginning to wonder what specific additions are needed to meet the new required education aspect of the orders," said Stephen Sharp, a senior compliance analyst at Funds For Learning, in a press release. "There is a lack of clarity in the orders on what exactly it is going to take to meet compliance standards. Hopefully we will receive further guidance from USAC on the specifics of the new requirements."



The Nebraska Humanities Council (NHC) has launched a new program to promote civil discussion in our communities. The program, which offers structure and funding, is available to any nonprofit or governmental organization—with a special invitation to Nebraska's libraries, which we think would be great hosts for community conversations. The new program has been developed in response to the call for more civility and dialogue in community life. "Nebraska Conversations: A Guide for Civil Discussion" is designed to provide Nebraska communities with a structure and funding to create safe, comfortable and reflective environments for discussion of any important issue. NHC invites nonprofit and governmental groups to apply. Eligible organizations include schools, libraries, museums, civic groups, service clubs, tribal organizations, educational institutions and local governments. "Nebraska Humanities Council is eager to pilot the program in several communities across the state this year," said Executive Director Chris Sommerich. "The time is ripe to change the tenor of some of our civic dialogue, and we hope to be a positive force for that change in Nebraska." Sponsoring organizations are encouraged to propose discussion programs to meet the needs of their own communities.

Participants representing a cross-section of the community will explore a topic or question together with the goals of appreciating multiple points of view, respecting differences of opinion, expanding knowledge, recognizing the value of diversity of thought, and exchanging and exploring ideas together. "Nebraska Conversations" will encourage full participation, civility, balance and learning. NHC will provide funding for facilitation, presenters, meeting space and materials, and refreshments.

Book Repair Workshop

Presented by Kapco

About the Presenter

Kary Barth, regional sales manager for Kapco Library Products, has a Bachelor of Science degree from the University of Illinois, Urbana and has worked with libraries since 1990.

Formerly, the national library sales manager for Kapco, Kary authored a basic book repair guide that was previously available from Kapco and has presented book protection/repair workshops in various venues throughout the US.

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This **FREE** workshop is designed to demonstrate quick and easy techniques for extending shelf life on general circulating materials. Prevention is the key, but we will be addressing specific, common repairs: re-inserting loose pages, broken spines, torn header caps, ripped and torn pages.

Each participant is asked to bring: one or two paperback books, preferably new or new-like, to demonstrate covering techniques;; a hardbound book with a book jacket to demonstrate application of book jacket covers; a stapled book or magazine; one hardbound book that needs repair and a "naked" hardbound book; i.e., a hardbound book that does NOT have a book jacket cover.

Each participant will be provided with a *free* sample packet of materials.

One lucky attendee will also receive a Deluxe Paperback Protection Kit (retail value is \$105).

Workshop Location: Alliance Public Library

Date: October 21, 2011

Time: 9:00 am-Noon

To register, contact the PLS office by phone at (308) 632-1350 or e-mail at terri.raburn@nebraska.gov or dmccall@panhandlelibsys.org.

Please include the following information: The name of your library, a list of everyone attending from your library, and contact information for you and/or your group.

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Panhandle Library System
Board Minutes, Tuesday, May 10, 2011
Bluffs Business Center, Scottsbluff, NE

President Floyd Smith III called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. and announced that the meeting would be conducted to follow the open meeting laws of Nebraska. Board members present: Terry Christensen, Floyd Smith III, Dixie Riley, Sue Shaver, Merrillene Wood, and Roberta Boyd. Rick Caudillo, Sara Brennemann, Beth Trupp, and Kendra Caskey were absent. Jeralyn Clapper and Terri Raburn were also present.

Floyd asked that each librarian introduce themselves to the new PLS Coordinator, Terri Raburn, and tell which library they are from. Terri then introduced herself and shared her background.

A motion was made to approve the agenda. Motion carried.

Merrillene made a motion to approve the meeting minutes of March 29, 2011. Motion was seconded by Sue. Motion carried.

REPORTS:

Round Table: Rick Caudillo was absent

Merrillene reported the WNCC Library in Sidney is winding down for the year. Valetta Schneider, the Library Director at WNCC in Scottsbluff, is retiring in August. Inventory will be taken at Alliance, Sidney, and Scottsbluff. SACCO met and will be sending out a survey. At the NLA/NEMA meeting in October there may be a round table to discuss the results of the survey.

Terry C. reported that next week is the last week of school for Alliance. The Middle School Media Center is to be moved and remodeled over the summer. The Alliance Public Library is trying to tie in their Summer Reading Program with the schools Accelerator Reading Program. This would allow the students to take the reading tests at the Public Library. The Michael Sullivan Workshop in April was a huge success as well as the Jeff Barnes book review.

Floyd asked if anyone else had anything to report.

Dixie reported the Chappell Memorial Library is having remodeling issues. The tile in the kitchen contains some asbestos and the old water fountain is leaking.

Roberta reported the Lied Scottsbluff Public is again open to the public. The staff has moved into the new addition and the Grand Opening is set for June 21, 2011.

PLS Committees: Annual Meeting – Terry reported the Annual Meeting committee is still not working as a group. A discussion on the roll of the chairperson and the other members followed. It was mentioned that maybe these roles need to be re-defined in our By-Laws. It was also brought up that members should only be allowed to serve on the same committee so many times before they should have to rotate to another committee. Terry and Floyd are going to revise the agenda for the Annual Meeting following this board meeting.

Tech – Floyd reported the Shared Automation Project is moving forward.

Nominating – Dixie reported there have been no new nominations.

Scholarship – Merrillene reported there are two nominations for each award. She is waiting on one committee member's vote to determine the winners. She asked if the PLS office could send an email once a month to all of our system libraries reminding them of the available scholarships. Public Relations – Rick and Beth were absent.

Jeri reported the Scottsbluff schools are starting to sign up for the Author Tour.

Nebraska Library Commission Report: A copy of the NLC Report was passed out to each board member for their review. Rod Wagner was absent.

PLS Financial Reports: The reports were included in the board packets. It was brought up that we may conduct some board meetings by phone if everyone is not available to travel. Floyd asked Terri to find out if this is legal according to the Nebraska Open Meeting laws. This topic will be added to the September meeting agenda.

OLD BUSINESS:

PLS Committees: Floyd suggested that we drop the topic of combining the Nominating and Scholarship committees until the time comes when it may be more beneficial to do so. All board members agreed. Floyd asked Roberta to join the Annual Meeting committee.

NEW BUSINESS:

PLS Cell Phone: Floyd suggested that we drop the PLS Cell Phone and reimburse Terri for using her own phone. Jeri wasn't sure if we could take Verizon Wireless off of our already submitted E-Rate forms. She is to call E-Rate and see if that is possible. This topic will be added to the September meeting agenda.

How to Liquidate PLS Equipment: Jeri called our accountant, Gary Riggs, to see what the proper procedure was for getting rid of old equipment. If there is still some use in the equipment, we would use surplus property and miscellaneous income. Floyd asked Terri to develop a policy so we would have some standard guidelines to follow.

Add check signers: Floyd stated that we should add Rick Caudillo as an alternate check signer to prevent us from not being able to get checks signed in an emergency. Merrillene made a motion to approve adding Rick. Sue seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Notify nominees of the board member election results – discuss amending the Policies & Procedures: Jeri announced the election results: All four seats will be filled for a second term by: Floyd Smith III – District B; Dixie Riley – District C; Kendra Caskey – Public Librarian, Beth Trupp – At Large. A discussion followed regarding the policies and procedures of the election. It was stated that we cannot amend the procedure even when all of the nominees have no one running against them. Ballots must still be sent out giving every voter the opportunity to add a write-in if they choose to do so.

Review budget for next fiscal year: The proposed budget was in the packet for board members to review. A discussion of why some of the line items had changed followed.

Coordinator Reports – Mileage Log: A discussion followed of what the coordinator reports should include. Merrillene suggested that a written report be included in the board packet and one be kept for future references. Research is being done on how extensive of a mileage log the coordinator needs to keep. This topic will be added to the September meeting agenda.

Upcoming Events /Announcements: A list of upcoming events was included in the board packets. A correction was made to the PLS/NEMA Workshop date. The date is August 2, 2011 at ESU 13 in Scottsbluff. Floyd announced that Jeri, the PLS Administrative Assistant, has given her letter of resignation, effective June 30, 2011. Floyd is going to contact Debbie McCall, the previous assistant, to see if she will accept returning to the position.

The meeting adjourned at 11:50 a.m.

The next PLS board meeting will be our Annual Meeting on Friday, July 29, 2011 at the Lied Scottsbluff Public Library, 1809 3rd Avenue, Scottsbluff, NE. Registration and coffee will start at 9:00 a.m.

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